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CAB, faculty anticipate former arms inspector

BY ALLISON ROSEWICZ
Editor-in-Chief

The Campus Activities Board is bringing a "timely topic" to the College.

Scott Ritter, former United Nations weapons inspector to Iraq, will lecture at 7 p.m., Monday, Oct. 21 in Taylor Auditorium. The speech is titled "The Coming War with Iraq: How Did We Get Here?"

Scott Ritter
Former Weapons Inspector

"We really want to expose students and the community to the debate and dialogue surrounding the Iraq issue," said Jeremy Sturgell, CAB lectures chair and interim president.

Sturgell worked to bring Ritter to campus.

"He has busted his tail to get this done," said Julie Blackford, director of student activities. "It's so good to see students pro-active like that."

Sturgell said his philosophy is to bring lecturers to Missouri Southern that "augment the education."

"He's a very visible public figure," he said. "With the events in the world right now, it's very timely to bring him here. It's very rare that CAB can bring someone of his caliber here."

Ritter's lecture is being funded by student activity fees that go to CAB. Blackford and Sturgell said the College is getting a great bargain from Ritter.

"Jeremy [Sturgell] did a great job of negotiating the price," Blackford said.

Ritter is considered a hero by some, and a spy by the Iraqi government. He wrote a book, Endgame, about his fight against arms proliferation in Iraq. The book explores the failings of American policy in the Persian Gulf and alternatives the United States government could implement.

Dr. Tom Simpson, associate professor of political science, agreed with Sturgell that Ritter is a "high-caliber" speaker. He said Ritter is the type of lecturer CAB should always bring to campus.

"This is more like it," he said. "I'd sacrifice free ice cream in a second for more lectures like this."

As a prelude to his lecture, Ritter's documentary, *In Shifting Sands*, was shown at 1 p.m., Oct. 16 in Webster Auditorium. The film focused on the UN and UNSCOM's (the UN weapons inspection team) attempt to disarm Iraq.

According to Ritter's *In Shifting Sands* more than 1.2 million Iraqis have died due to the shortcomings of UN sanctions. The video also features interviews with world leaders such as Kofi Anan, Secretary General of the UN, and Tariq Aziz, Vice President and Minister of Russia.

Ritter's lecture will include a first-hand account of the effect UN sanctions have had on the Iraqi people.

Simpson said Ritter will challenge audience members.

"Folks who think they're going to hear a pep rally for war are going to be shocked," he said.

Simpson called Ritter "an aggressive UN arms inspector," "well-regarded in the field" and "confrontational and thorough."

Ritter is a ballistic missile technology expert who worked in military intelligence in the former Soviet Union and the Middle East for 12 years in the Army. As a major in the Marines, he served under General Norman Schwarzkopf with Marine Central Command headquarters in Saudi Arabia during the Gulf War.

Ritter joined UNSCOM in 1991, and took part in more than 30 inspections. He was the chief in 14 of those inspections.

In 1995, his team discovered missile guidance equipment Iraq had bought from Russia through a Palestinian agent. Leading his team to Iraq in 1998, Iraqi officials prevented them from entering the country, accusing Ritter of being a spy.

In response, Ritter ordered more inspections. It was decided, however, that further investigations would not take place. In defiance, Ritter resigned his position as chief weapons inspector, saying the "illusion of arms control is more dangerous than no arms control at all."

Blackford, Sturgell and Simpson are hoping for a big turnout at the lecture. Simpson said audience members must realize we are all a part of the decision regarding the conflict with Iraq.

"Ultimately, people are going to die," he said. "I hope people don't sit back silently and let them die."

"He is one of the bigger names we've brought here," Sturgell said. "Couple that with the timing, and it may be one of the biggest things we've done in years."

BUMPIN' IT INTRAMURAL STYLE

Andy Tevis/The Chart

Sophomore Kevin Ho helps lead the International Tigers to victory during the intramural volleyball championship game versus The Rejects Oct. 14.

Tere Hogan/The Chart

Members of Students Advocating Government Awareness listen to a discussion about Southern issues during their Oct. 15 meeting.

SAGA questions College monetary requirements

BY MANDI STEELE
International Editor

In the wake of Missouri Southern's recent tuition hike, several political science majors decided something needed to be done.

About four weeks ago, a group of students got together and decided that they would form a club to lookout for students' pocketbooks when it came to college expenses. Students Advocating Government Awareness was the outcome. The SAGA club was just approved last week by Doug Carnahan, dean of students, and holds meetings at 5:30 p.m. every Tuesday in the library's Seattle Roast Cafe.

"We want to make sure each student gets what they're paying for," said Andrew Girouard, sophomore political science major.

Girouard, along with Todd Rominger, sophomore political science major, Ryan Dexter, senior polit-

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Interpreter aids hearing impaired

BY JERRY MANTER
Managing Editor

Stephen Hibner remembers the day he waited anxiously by his wife's bedside to help her prepare for the birth of their baby boy.

He wanted everything to be perfect that day.

But when hospital administrators told him they couldn't provide a sign language interpreter for him, he felt a little anxious and a little scared.

"I was going crazy," said Hibner, speech communications major. "What if something happened?"

Hibner found a nearby phone and called his good friend Mary Zustiak. He asked her if she could drive to the hospital and interpret any helpful information the doctors had for Stephen. Mary arrived in a matter of minutes, only to find a backup interpreter already helping Stephen welcome little Caleb into the world.

Even though her interpreting wasn't needed that day, her presence meant everything to Stephen.

"She stayed with us to make sure everything was going smoothly," he said. "It was a blessing."

For Mary, it was the least she could do. Sign language is a way of life for the Southern graduate, who now works with hearing-impaired students at school. She enjoys her job. It's her life.

She loves working with her hands.

It's easy for Mary to remember the days when she discovered sign language.

Fourteen years ago, while attending College Heights Christian Church, Mary watched interpreters sign during services.

"I found it fascinating," Mary said.

Her curiosity led her to a signing class offered by a deaf couple at the church. More than 20 people attended, learning the basics such as the ABC's and colors. In time, she was able to sign a few songs.

"I fell in love with the language," she said. "I like the way it feels; the words feel right."

After moving to a new church, there wasn't any opportunity for her to sign. It wasn't until 1996 where an interest sparked again.

She took several classes at Ozark Christian College. Any conference, lecture or workshop in the four-state area or in Kansas City, Mary was there — learning everything possible about the language.

"I practically memorized the dictionary," she said. "Here was this golden opportunity to learn how to do words."

After becoming certified by the state, Mary knew she wanted to take her knowledge and work with hearing-impaired students. Although she only works two to three hours a day, the job leaves her physically and mentally drained.

"I'm mentally tired when I come home from work," she said. "My arms

Tere Hogan/The Chart

Mary Zustiak's curiosity led her to a career as sign language interpreter.

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SATURDAY
Mostly Cloudy
High: 60
Low: 41

SUNDAY
Clearing Late
High: 63
Low: 42

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ONLINE

Read letters to the editor and a feature story on the Women in Business Club at www.mssc.edu/chart

Senate paces for overflow

BY JACOB W. BROWER
Associate Editor

The Student Senate is on pace to have a budget surplus this semester, treasurer Andrew McGowan announced Oct. 16.

The Senate has allocated $5,200 of its $17,000 budget during the first four weeks of this semester, with the average allocation being $742 per organization. The Senate currently has $11,800 left and is on pace to have a $4,000 overflow going into the spring 2003 semester.

Many Senate officers contribute this pace to McGowan's controversial policy of not allocating more than $100 per student, not to exceed $1,000 per organization. In the past, a $1,000 cap was placed on all organization allocations, regardless of the number of students participating.

Zack Odem, president, said he is pleased with the Senate's monetary situation this year.

"I'm happy with how the money's being handled this semester," said Odem, who served as treasurer last year. "It's always good to have some carryover going into the spring semester, because that's when we get hit the hardest. That's when people come at us with requests for both spring and summer trips."

The Senate is traditionally given an additional $8,000 for spring semester allocations.

Odem, however, urged the figures not be taken literally.

"As far as saying we'll last 10 weeks, I don't think we can guarantee that," he said. "I could get three allocation requests for important trips in my mailbox tomorrow — that could be another $3,000 right there."

In other business, the Senate appointed Rachel VonCanon, junior medical major, and Edward Browning, senior education major, to the fill vacant Senate seats.

The Senate meets at 5:30 p.m. every Wednesday in the House of Lords Room on the third floor Billingsly Student Center.

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are tired."

Mary said the most rewarding part of her job comes when she sees her interpretations have emotionally reached someone.

"I remember signing a very emotional song," she said. "The person cried."

If Mary signs a joke, and sees the person laugh, she knows she did her job.

"Knowing that I got the message across feels really, really good," she said.

She has only one goal with her students.

"I want to be clear enough that the deaf person doesn't have to worry about whether or not they are going to get the information," she said. "Now that's a really hard goal. I want to give them access to feelings that they haven't had before."

Stephen has worked with 13 interpreters through middle school and up into college.

"Mary is one of the best I've ever worked with," he said. "She's very good at what she does."

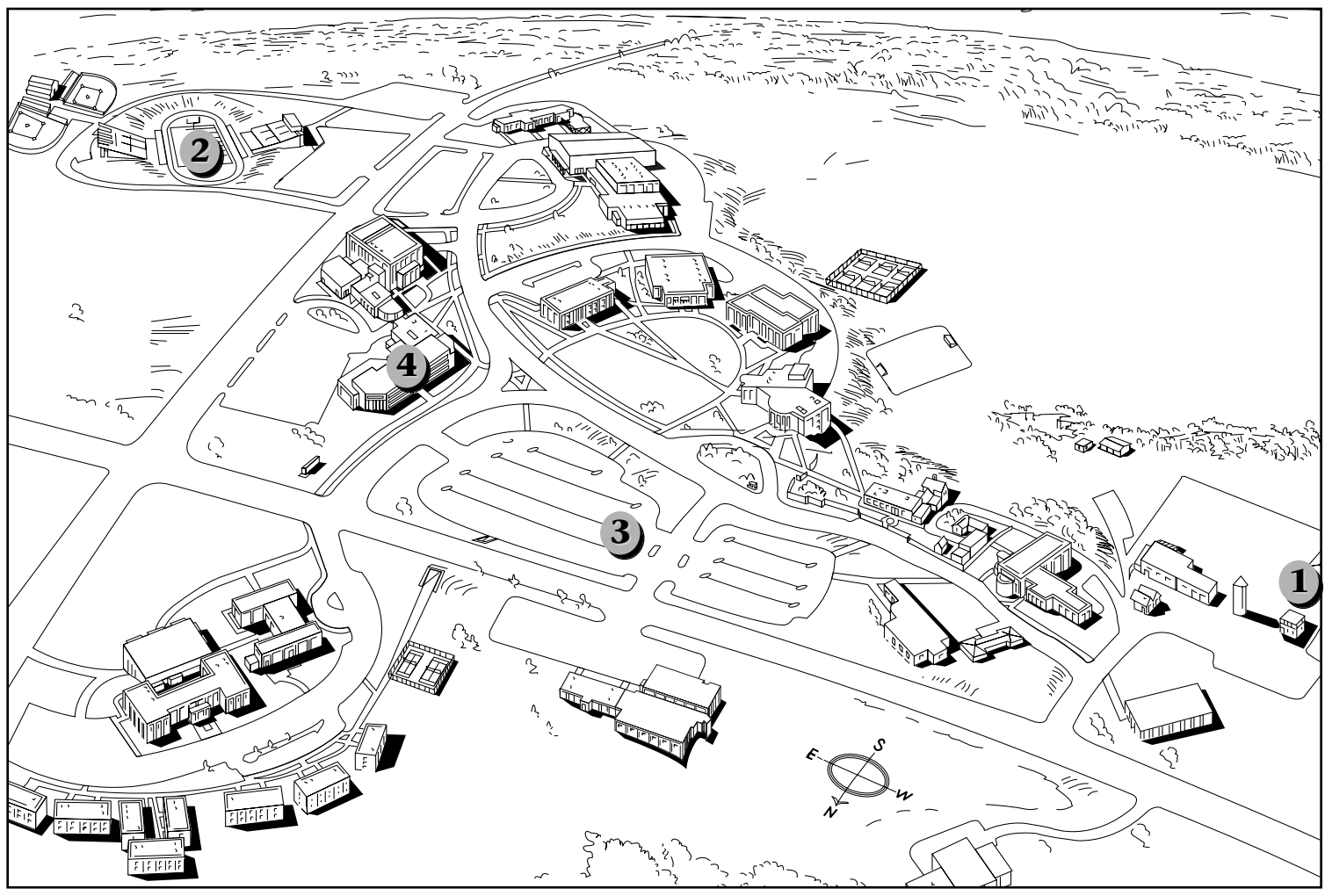
For more than three years, Stephen and Mary have worked together. Outside of class they've established a friendship that is stronger than ever.

"She's been a good friend," he said. "She's really like a big sister."

Stephen said he doesn't know what he would do without Mary.

He knows things would be different without her help.

"She's one one of the most special people in my life," he said. "She's my interpreter, my friend and she's my ear."



Unknown persons storm Physical Plant building

1 Vandalism

9/8/2002

11:30 p.m.

An unknown person or persons shot approximately 15 paintballs at the Physical Plant building, hitting the building and windows. The Joplin Police Department was called to the College because they had someone on South Main Street shooting paintballs at cars.

2 Injured Person

9/12/2002

8:30 p.m.

Security was contacted in regards to an injured person at Hughes Stadium during a Pee-Wee Super Bowl game.

A player had jumped up trying to catch a ball and landed on his leg. An ambulance was called, and the subject was transported to Freeman Health System.

3 Stolen Property

9/13/2002

10:30 p.m.

A student notified security saying that someone had broken into his vehicle and stolen his CD player.

The person or persons involved entered the vehicle, ripped the center piece of the dash and removed the CD player from it.

He said that his vehicle was locked, but when he returned, the door was unlocked and somewhat opened.

It was unknown how someone entered the vehicle.

4 Disruptive Behavior

9/14/2002

7:15 p.m.

An instructor contacted security saying that a student in her class had become disruptive, and the student refused to leave unless security was contacted.

The instructor called her department head, who notified security.

When security arrived, the officer told the student he should gather his items, which he did without further incident.

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Accessweather.com Local Weather Report — Oct. 18, 2002

Joplin's 7-Day Forecast

Friday
Partly Cloudy
High: 59 Low: 35

Saturday
Mostly Cloudy
High: 60 Low: 41

Sunday
Clearing Late
High: 63 Low: 42

Monday
Sunny
High: 64 Low: 45

Tuesday
Sunny
High: 65 Low: 47

Wednesday
Sunny
High: 66 Low: 48

Thursday
Sunny
High: 67 Low: 49

Weather History

Oct. 17, 1781 - General Cornwallis attempted to escape encirclement by crossing York River, "but a violent storm arose." The storm dispersed the general's boats, causing him to ask for an armistice.

Joplin's Almanac Last Week

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip*
Monday	69	41	75/51	0.00"
Tuesday	66	50	74/51	0.00"
Wednesday	70	52	74/51	0.00"
Thursday	71	55	74/50	0.00"
Friday	74	62	73/50	0.00"
Saturday	69	47	73/50	0.05"
Sunday	59	36	72/49	0.00"

Precipitation for the week .....0.05"
Normal precipitation for the week .....0.90"
Departure from normal for the week ..-0.85"
Precipitation for the year .....36.94"
Normal precipitation year to date .....36.88"
Departure from normal for the year ..+0.06"
* Precipitation includes snow converted to rainfall

Campus Recreational Forecast

An area of high pressure will create partly cloudy skies across the campus today. An area of low pressure to our south will create increased moisture this weekend. As a result, a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms will occur. High pressure will regain control to start next week, creating sunny skies and this will be your best chance to schedule recreational activities. High temperatures will be in the upper 50s and 60s. Low temperatures at night will drop into the 30s and 40s.

Joplin's Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Full 10/21 — New 11/4 — Last 10/28 — First 11/11

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Fri	7:28 a.m.	6:36 p.m.	5:51 p.m.	4:53 a.m.
Sat	7:29 a.m.	6:35 p.m.	6:14 p.m.	5:49 a.m.
Sun	7:30 a.m.	6:34 p.m.	6:38 p.m.	6:46 a.m.
Mon	7:31 a.m.	6:33 p.m.	7:03 p.m.	7:42 a.m.
Tue	7:32 a.m.	6:31 p.m.	7:30 p.m.	8:40 a.m.
Wed	7:33 a.m.	6:30 p.m.	8:01 p.m.	9:39 a.m.
Thu	7:34 a.m.	6:29 p.m.	8:37 p.m.	10:39 a.m.

National Weather Summary This Week

An area of low pressure with a trailing cold front will make its way into the eastern United States to end this week. This system will produce scattered rain or snow showers along with breezy conditions. An area of low pressure will strengthen across the southern Plains this weekend. This low pressure center will spark a good chance of showers and thunderstorms into the Lower Mississippi Valley along with breezy conditions. A vigorous upper level area of low pressure will persist across the northeastern United States as we move into the beginning of next week. This will result in partly to mostly cloudy skies along with below normal temperatures for this time of year.

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Weather Trivia

Sun spots occur in cycles of how many years, on average? ?

Answer: Eleven years.

Tanning Index Today

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

UV Index Scale
0-2: Minimal Exposure
3-4: Low Exposure
5-6: Moderate Exposure
7-9: High Exposure
10+: Very High Exposure

Local Precipitation Log

Month	2002	2001	Normal
Jan	3.09	3.44	1.74
Feb	0.72	4.66	2.12
Mar	2.65	0.81	3.10
Apr	4.10	2.26	4.10
May	13.60	5.78	4.96
Jun	4.71	6.37	5.07
Jul	4.87	3.73	3.73
Aug	1.14	1.05	3.58
Sep	1.64	2.98	4.97
Oct	0.42	6.44	3.50
Nov	------	3.99	3.18
Dec	------	3.52	2.54
Total	**36.89**	**45.03**	**42.59**

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Hannah Marsh, junior mass communications major, operates a KGCS camera on the first floor in Webster Hall.

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Quiet on the Set

Students running two shows: 'Campus News Update,' 'Southern Sports Sunday'

BY ALLISON ROSEWICZ
Editor-in-Chief

KGCS-TV is offering the Joplin area a fresh outlook on news and sports — from a student perspective.

"Campus News Update" and "Southern Sports Sunday" are two programs the station has created completely from the student broadcasters' viewpoint.

The students who produce the programs do so voluntarily. They are not required to participate in either show through practicum.

"Students do all the work," said Judy Stiles, general manager of KGCS. "They're working behind the scenes as well as on air. It's a chance to pursue their area of interest."

"Campus News Update" began last year, but this year the producers are trying to improve the program.

"This is a revamped, new approach," Stiles said.

The program focuses solely on campus issues. Lori Burns and Lacey Messick, senior mass communications majors, co-host and co-produce the show. Some of the stories they have covered this semester include the crosswalk, security and campus parking. The show will soon air a piece about the new cell phone policy in Spiva Library.

"We would just be copycatting if we did the same thing as national networks," Burns said. "Campus stories are much more interesting because they're not geared toward adults, they're geared toward college students."

Bill Hunt, creative service director for KGCS, agreed with Burns that the show is tailored to its audience.

"We want everybody at the College to see something in the show that interests them," he said.

Messick said "Campus News Update" is beginning to get more viewers.

"Students are starting to watch the show," she said. "It's getting a little more recognition."

Some of the more popular segments include "Major Spotlight" by Amber Hoyt, in which a particular major is featured and professors and students are interviewed, and "Where's Cliff?" where Cliff Erwin goes to a random place on campus. If a student can guess where he is, he or she can win a CD. Stiles said Erwin's segment creates student involvement.

"Southern Sports Sunday" has been airing since 1993-94, but this year, the students involved are working hard to make it better.

"It gets better and better as the year goes on," said Gabe Mankin, senior mass communications major and "Southern Sports Sunday" producer and play-by-play announcer. "Each show improves."

During football season, KGCS airs the Saturday home football games on Sunday evenings. But much more work goes into the show than what meets the eye.

"A lot of people just think, 'Oh, the game is on, the game is recorded,'" Hunt said. "They don't see the work from the days before. It's a pretty big job for him [Mankin], and he takes it seriously."

Mankin and his crew have a two-hour setup on Friday afternoons prior to Saturday home games to test the equipment. On Saturdays, the crew arrives two to three hours before kickoff to prepare. And after the game, they spend an hour tearing down.

"It's quite a big deal," said Nathan Cassady, senior mass communications major and color commentator.

Mankin said commenting during the game is hard work.

"You almost feel like you have as much pressure on you as the players," he said.

During basketball season, the show will feature various men's and women's home games.

The students involved in both broadcasts said the experience they are getting from the shows will help them later in life in their careers.

"You encounter so many real-world experiences," Mankin said. "You also learn a lot about yourself, how you're going to react under pressure."

Burns said it is excellent preparation.

"To get a real job, you've got to know how to do these things," she said.

Messick compared the experience to an "on-campus internship."

Hunt said the key words are "hands-on experience."

"That's really what helps these kids," he said. "They cannot only talk about editing, shooting, writing, being on camera. They can come down here and do it. There's not a lot of stations that will take the time to teach. So getting some hands-on experience is invaluable."

Mankin credited Stiles and Hunt for allowing the students to learn all the facets of television broadcasting.

"They put us in the water," he said. "It's a sink or swim kind of thing. They do a good job of handing the responsibility over to us."

"Campus News Update" airs at 6 p.m. on Wednesdays. The show is currently airing monthly, but KGCS hopes to increase to once every two weeks.

"Southern Sports Sunday" airs at 8 p.m. on the Sundays following home games and repeats at various times.

Both programs air on Cable One Channel 7 or broadcast Channel 57.

Lou Gehrig walk set for Saturday

BY JACOB W. BROWER
Associate Editor

Those wishing to do something to help find a cure for Lou Gehrig's Disease will have the opportunity Saturday.

The Walk to De'Feet Amyotothic Lateral Sclerosis will be held at 11 a.m. at Phelps Grove Park in Springfield. There will be several teams from southwest and central Missouri participating in the event, and all proceeds stay in the area.

Fred Rosenberg, Joplin team captain and longtime volunteer for the ALS Foundation, said he expects the event to be helpful to the cause of finding a cure.

"It's very important that we do everything we can to find a cure," he said. "When people go to Hospice, they are usually near the end. I don't handle death well. It's a very sad thing to watch, and I feel volunteering is extremely important to this worthy cause."

Kim Gobel, information director at the Springfield ALS Foundation, said researchers are making great progress in their studies. Scientists recently discovered a gene in hereditary cases of ALS.

However, only 20 percent of all cases are believed to be exclusively hereditary. Most researchers believe ALS is caused by a combination of genetics, environment and viruses.

"I wish I could say we're close, but I really don't know, to be honest," Rosenberg said. "I was at a meeting recently, and there was a doctor speaking. They mentioned something about finding what causes it, but they still don't have a cure for it."

Gobel said she remains optimistic about a cure as well.

"I hope we'll see a cure in my lifetime, but I'm not sure," she said. "It's very promising."

Rosenberg said he became passionate about the cause of ALS when one of the first people he worked with as a volunteer, Jay Waltz, died of the disease. He named his Joplin team the Jay Waltz-ers in honor of his memory.

"(Waltz) was a very outgoing person and a very family-oriented kind of person," Rosenberg said. "We all dream of seeing our kids growing up, progressing through life — it just seemed so unfortunate with him being so full of life and his ambitions. He was a sharp, generally nice person. Someone I was honored to know and call a friend."

ALS is very similar to muscular dystrophy. It affects all the muscles in the body and finally stops the brain. It was dubbed Lou Gehrig's Disease when the baseball great died of the illness in 1941.

All money from the walk goes to the ALS Foundation, where it is used for finding a cure and helping the families of those who have the disease.

For information, Rosenberg can be contacted at (417) 623-2499.

"I hope we'll see a cure in my lifetime, but I'm not sure."

Kim Gobel
Information Director for ALS Foundation

Southern prepares for Discovery Days

BY TERE HOGAN
Staff Writer

It's that time of year again when a couple hundred high school and transfer students will invade the campus to get a glimpse of what it is like to be a student at Missouri Southern.

It's the beginning of Discovery Days hosted by the Admissions department.

"The purpose of having Discovery Days is to introduce the campus to students who may be interested in attending Missouri Southern," said Derek Skaggs, director of enrollment services.

Students will come to learn about the campus, the degree programs that are offered and what it is like to be a student at Southern.

The first Discovery Day will be Saturday at the Anderson Justice Center. The event starts at 2 p.m. when College President Dr. Julio León will welcome students and their parents.

Admissions and financial aid counselors will speak about the requirements to attend Southern and how to get the money to pay for it all.

Next, Southern Ambassadors will take small groups on tours of the campus and residence halls.

At 4 p.m. students can pick from a number of short lectures during the break out sessions. These lectures will cover topics that are important

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SOUTHERN NEWS BRIEFS

Health Center offering flu shots for students

The campus Health Center will be hosting a flu shot clinic on three upcoming dates.

The dates are 1-3:30 p.m., Monday, Oct. 28; 9 a.m.-12p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 29; and 1-3:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 30.

The flu shots will be first come, first serve. If people are unable to come at this time, they are asked to call for an appointment after the clinics are over, as long as there are shots left.

If an employee with College insurance gets a shot, it will be billed automatically. Spouses are also welcome. The Health Center will send out notices if any shots are left to give to extended family members.

If you do not have College insurance, the charge is $15, which is to be paid when receiving the shot. Students at Missouri Southern will be charged $5, which can be put on their account. Those receiving shots must read and sign a release.

Club offering forum for Jasper County election

The Legal Studies Club at Missouri Southern, LEX, is sponsoring a Judicial Candidate Forum for Jasper county Circuit Court Judges at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 23 in Webster Hall Auditorium.

The forum will include the candidates for Division Five, Judges Richard Copeland and William Fleischaker; and the candidates for Division Six, Judges Jane Wyman and Steve Carlton.

Voters will have the opportunity to meet and hear the candidates prior to the election Monday, Nov. 5.

Guest speaker on abuse to speak next Friday

The Missouri Southern State College Coalition Against Child Abuse will have a guest speaker at 1 p.m., Friday, Oct. 25 in room 125 of the Anderson Justice Center.

James Ward, the general election coordinator for Jasper and Newton counties, supports Jim Talent and will speak about his beliefs. Talent believes students should help fight child abuse. Ward will speak about the opportunity for students to participate in helping change laws and other areas that need stricter policies regarding child abuse.

Enterprise Rent-A-Car hosting presentation

Enterprise Rent-A-Car will host a presentation Monday, Oct. 21 and interviews Tuesday, Oct. 22 at Missouri Southern.

The presentation from 6-7 p.m. in the Billingsly Student Center second floor lounge will give attendees the chance to get more information about career opportunities, benefits and more. Information: contact Career Services at 625-9343 or by e-mail at careerservices@mail.mssc.edu.

Psychology Club hosts Halloween Party, raffle

The Psi Chi/Psychology Club will host a raffle ticket drawing and Halloween party at 12:15 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 22 in Taylor Hall, room 115.

The party will feature "freaky" foods, a costume contest and prizes. Attendees are asked to dress up and bring a "freaky" food.

Language seminar set for interested students

A graduate studies in foreign languages seminar will be held from 12:30-2 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 22 in Webster Hall, room 357.

Those attending can learn how to choose the best school for their studies.

The seminar is open to any student interested in pursuing graduate studies in foreign languages.

Editor's Column

Southern lacks interesting plays

Mandi Steele
International Editor

What's the deal with Missouri Southern's plays? I don't understand why it is that almost all the plays we have here are so ridiculous. Last semester I took Theatre Appreciation. As every student of Southern knows, we have to take some kind of "appreciation" classes to graduate. It's core; it sucks. However, I didn't think watching a couple of plays would be so bad. Little did I know the plays I'd have to see would be so messed up. Does every play have to be about some lunatic, a bunch of crazies or someone very disturbed? I don't see the point.

The Line was the first one I saw. Let me give you the rundown in case you were fortunate enough not to see this thing. There are five characters who, for some reason still unknown to me, are trying to get at the front of a line. "Line to what?," you might ask. Well, they don't tell you. I don't know, no one knows. It's just a line. Anyway, during this fight to be the first one in line, the only female in line screws almost every guy character. She's married to one of the guys, but he just sits by while his wife screws the other guys. Of course, we don't see her "doing" the guys, but we do get to hear the supposed sounds of her activities while she's behind the curtain with her partner. Now, I know there's supposed to be some "deep meaning" behind *The Line*, but I really didn't see one, being too distracted by the five characters ranting, raving, screwing and cussing throughout the play.

A student from one of my classes was telling me her parents went with her to see *The Line*. She said her parents were very upset after watching the play. They wanted to know what kind of college this was that would put on such trash. My parents would've said worse.

The next one I saw was *The Zoo Story*. A psychopath drolls on for more than an hour about his life, a dog he tries to kill, his homosexual experiences, and his heterosexual experiences to a guy sitting on a bench who ends up killing him. Now, doesn't that sound like some Saturday night fun! My question is, "Why do we have to watch such crap?"

The plays this semester don't sound any better. *Down the Road* is about a serial killer. The *Birthday Party* is about a guy trying to break through a metaphoric womb. I'll let Amy-Nicole Hollenberg, senior theater major, tell you what she told one of *The Chart's* writers: "Basically," she said, "it's about a man struggling to retain his authenticity in a world that does not value diversity." Yeah. This one sounds way better — not.

I would like to add that I have absolutely nothing against the performers of the play. I think they do a wonderful job of acting. I just can't understand why such awful plays are chosen in the first place.

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Protecting freedom of speech

Chart Opinion

The Chart staff may be taking some heat, but we will not get out of the kitchen.

A controversial column published Oct. 11 about one editor's view on Christianity is causing plenty of debate and backlash. But *The Chart* members will not back down. We stand by our decision to print the column based on our First Amendment rights.

While the entire staff may not agree with what the column said, we all back the editor's constitutional right to say it.

The First Amendment protects freedom of the press, religion and speech, all of which Josh Ray exercised in his column. The 14th Amendment also protects the media.

In addition, *The Chart* Manual of Operations gives *Chart* members "the right to report and editorialize on events, ideas and issues . . . even though these may be unpopular or controversial."

It also encourages the staff to "seek and present contrasting views."

And members "cannot be dismissed because of student, faculty, staff, administrative or public disapproval of editorial policy or content."

The writer seems to be well-defended.

While journalists are normally required to remain objective, these columns give us a chance to speak our minds. Our goal is not to make the readers angry, but to express our opinions and open a free flow of ideas.

The Chart welcomes and encourages letters to the editor featuring viewpoints in contrast and in support of the column. The readers have the same rights as the writer to express their thoughts.

But please remember, harsh words and threats from those who disagree with the column only prove the editor's point.

Campus Voice

What does the First Amendment mean to you?

"For people to be able to speak their minds."

Jennifer Butler
Junior
Accounting
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"It sets the basis for our rights. Without them what would we be able to do?"

Hannah Marsh
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"The fact that I can say what I want to without having to worry about repercussions. I can voice my views on a political system without fear of recourse."

Talison Davies
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"Freedom of speech; life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

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"Our freedoms are what makes this country great. The First Amendment and the Bill of Rights mean everything."

James Hillman
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Letters

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof, or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people to peaceably assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances."

The United States Constitution

A very wise man once said "difference of opinion leads to inquiry, and inquiry to truth... "If a nation expects to be ignorant and free ... it expects what never was and never will be" (Thomas Jefferson).

Congratulations to Josh Ray and to *The Chart* (Oct. 11, 2002) for their participation in the exercise of free speech which is, by the way, protected by our Constitution. In what one believes or does not believe is not the issue here. This has to do with our basic First Amendment rights. Without prejudice, each of us is protected by our Constitution because it is "the supreme law of the land." Anyone wishing to exercise that right may do so ... lawfully. For those of you who wish to criticize this lad for exercising his Constitutional rights, think before you condemn him in the name of your God. You're protected too ... for now.

Deborah Frye
Senior Sociology Major

I would like to take a moment to comment on your recent editorial regarding God and religion. I must admit when I read the editorial I felt deeply hurt — not hurt for myself but for the young man who wrote the editorial. I would never expect someone to just believe the way I believe, but I must say that it has been my experience that there is a God and he is alive. He is alive in my heart. I have made a decision by faith to believe in him. I, like everyone should do, have searched out my own salvation. When you are sincere in your heart about seeking what is true, I believe you will find the truth If your heart is not open to receive the truth, you most likely will not find it. As an adult over the age of 40, I have experienced God's love many times. I have also felt his hand of protection upon me. He has given me peace in times of trouble every time I have asked him. It has been a peace that passeth all of my understanding. At this point in my life I could never not believe that there is a God. If you were unable to read the Word because of disbelief, maybe you would consider just seeking for the truth by taking a step of faith and having the courage to simply ask for God to show you his love. If you are sincere in your heart, he will know and he will open your eyes to what is the truth.

Rae Surber
Joplin, Mo.

I wish to thank *The Chart* and in particular, Mr. Josh Ray, for the excellent article that he wrote for the Oct. 11 issue. Whether we agree with him (I agree with most of the article) or not, Mr. Ray has given a differing opinion that we should cherish!

Prejudice against anything that is not white, straight or Christian is very commonplace here in the heat of the Bible belt! I am not saying that everyone is prejudiced in the Joplin area (Joplin has a great many liberal, progressive thinking people), it's just that this area is not a place where one can normally express opinions that are different from the majority. However, our founding fathers wanted differing opinions, even if they are not popular.

Thank you, Mr. Ray, for your well-respected opinion, and thank you for providing something different and interesting to think about. That is what writing is all about! Please keep up the excellent work!

Signed,
David Torres
Junior Accounting Major

PUBLIC FORUM

Letters

I want to tell you that although I do not agree with what you wrote in your column, I think that it's a good thing you wrote it. It really did take a lot of guts for you to do what you did. Everyone isn't going to believe the same thing, and most open-minded people will be able to accept that you believe differently, while the closed-minded people will try to argue with you that you are wrong and that they are right.

If you took the time to research what you think of the Bible, you will find that you are wrong. The Bible is a collection of documents that have historical and scientific proof. Essentially what I'm saying is that the Bible is not "just a book;" it's a lot more than just that.

You asked someone to define what a 'true Christian' is in your column, and as far as I know, there isn't a true Christian. There isn't a single person who has never sinned before. "For all have sinned and fall short of the Glory," the book of Romans basically says that everyone sins and then it goes on to say that our sins are forgiven because Christ died for us.

From everything you wrote in your column, it just seems to me that you're lost. You seem to have fallen out of your Christianity for reasons you can't even begin to make yourself understand. Have you ever just thought about how nice it is to have someone to talk to – someone who doesn't have to say a word back to you or ridicule you, just someone who will listen to your problems, your excitement, just anything you can think of to talk about? It's really nice to sometimes just let go and let God.

Sincerely,

Rebecca S. Hensley
Sophomore Elementary Education Major

I felt compelled to respond to last week's editor's column and provide some explanation to the Diversions Editor's claims. I certainly wasn't offended or angered by the column, and I certainly respect his opinion, but his arguments lacked evidence to back them. For one, he claimed the Bible is just a book, and therefore should not be trusted as a reliable source for the existence of God. The fact is, however, that the Bible is not a book, but rather is comprised of 66 books, by more than 40 different authors, written over a period of 1,500 years. Despite this vast composition, the books of the Bible incredibly all come together to form one theme: God pursuing a relationship with us, his creation. He also questioned how the Bible could be accurate having been translated so many times throughout history. However, the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls in 1947 silenced any doubt about the accuracy of our translations. After reviewing the original Hebrew text, the scrolls were 95 percent accurate with the translations we have today, with the remaining percent being simply variations in spelling certain words. His greatest problem seemed to be with Christians themselves, which is understandable. Certainly throughout history individuals have wrongly used Christianity for their own selfish gain, but that is not a rational reason for disregarding its validity. He asked the question of what a true Christian is and criticized the inconsistency of ones he's known. I'm afraid he's looking to the wrong place for an example of what a Christian should be. The only standard by which the teachings of Christianity should be examined is the one who taught them, Jesus Christ himself. He was and is the only one who was perfectly consistent in what he taught. I feel more than anything that he has had bad experiences with Christians in the past. I'm sorry they didn't show you the love that Jesus has for you, but don't look to them, look to him, and I'm certain you'll find an unfaltering example of love and truth that goes much deeper than empty religion.

Matt Williams
Senior Speech Communications Major

Josh Ray's Oct. 11 editorial on Christianity brought forth many issues that have been debated on the university campus for years.

For many, the belief or unbelief in God and Christianity is based more on the implications of what accepting Christ means rather than the lack of evidence.

To answer many of the concerns raised in the editorial, one must understand the nature of good and evil, the nature of free will and choice. God gave mankind a choice as well as the opportunity to experience the consequences of these choices, be it good or bad. Unfortunately, sometimes innocent people experience the consequences of the poor choices of others.

The historical existences of the church, and our dating system, B.C. (before Christ) or A.D. (anno Domini, "in the year of the Lord"), are just a few of many issues that cause me to ponder the existence of God.

In my 13 years as the Director of Koinonia, I have never met a single student who, after honestly considering the evidence, denied that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and that the Bible is indeed the word of God. The evidence confirming the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ is overwhelmingly conclusive to any honest, objective seeker after truth.

It is exciting to be in the university environment, to debate, research and study. Though there will be many opinions and responses to the editorial, I would invite all who are interested in studying these issues to meet with me personally during or after any Koinonia meeting (every Tuesday, 7 p.m. at College Heights Christian Church).

David Weaver
Director Koinonia Christian Campus Ministry

I wanted to let you know I read your editorial in Friday's *The Chart*. I respect your opinion, while respectfully disagreeing. I would like to address a few points.

There have been terrible things done in the name of "Christianity" down through the years. Not everyone who claims to be a "Christian" will be claimed by Christ. He even said that many would say to Him, "Lord, Lord..." but He would say, "Depart from me, I never knew you."

Jesus also taught that there would be 'weeds' growing in the wheat. There are hypocrites in the church. Jesus will not accept them. There are also hypocrites who are teachers, lawyers and doctors, but this is no reason for me to think they are all that way in their respective professions.

Christians have done a world of good in this world. Men and women have given their lives to serving the physical, educational, and spiritual needs of those in needy conditions. A friend of ours served over 10 years as a medical doctor in India with minimum pay. There are thousands like him that serve humbly and lovingly. They have built medical clinics, orphanages, and schools where there were none. (What about Mother Teresa?)

God does not want us to be 'religious,' he desires a personal relationship with us. We are to do as Jesus did as we walk along. This is what a true Christian is. My heart is saddened over what some do and how some live that wear the name 'Christian.'

Years ago, I too was disillusioned by the organized church. I decided to purposefully stay away. I respected Jesus, but did not want to be another hypocrite, so I did not go to church. I read about Eastern religion and meditation and became a follower. I thought this was the answer. I was still empty, so I added partying, etc. to the search. I was having a great time, while underneath it all I was so very empty.

I wasn't sure if God was there, but I prayed that if he was, he would show me how to know him. "Show me you are real," I told him.

He heard. He began showing me. It took months, but I knew he was real.

I have been walking with God for some 25 years now. It has been an incredible journey. There have been some very difficult valleys, like the loss of a 14-year old daughter. God has shown himself even clearer through the tragedies. Those are part of living on this earth, and not to be blamed on God.

And because bad things happen on earth, this does not mean God is not all powerful. He is holding back to allow man the freedom to choose. God does not force anyone to believe in or follow him. Evil is here for a short time, one day it will be wiped out for good. Then those that have chosen to follow Jesus will walk on those streets of gold you mentioned, not because we will be materialistic in heaven, but because being in God's presence will be so awesome — gold will 'serve' as pavement for us to walk on.

I am not a theologian, but I'd love to visit with you sometime. There are volumes of historical and archaeological evidence that have convinced many skeptics of the reliability of the Bible. Your questions deserve some answers.

Sincerely,

Trish Udell
Intensive English Instructor Institute of International Studies

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I am a Christian; this is why I wish to voice the other side of the story.

I write to you in regard to the article in last weeks *The Chart* titled, "Christians Bow to Dead Being".For the people who read this article, you were likely shocked like I by the vulgar and insulting tone the writer used. I don't have a problem with people stating their opinion, but whenever the writer goes beyond the boundary of self-opinion to purposely criticize an individual's beliefs, that goes too far. With that said, I would like to give my two cents worth.

Why should people continue to view the Bible as the word of God? Isn't it ridiculous to honestly believe that a book thousands of years old could be an accurate account of the times it speaks about? If you were to take a few minutes and research the Bible you would find that archeological evidence has proven over and over again that the accounts in the Bible are accurate. There is manuscript evidence, such as the Dead Sea Scrolls discovered in 1947, that can be translated today that proves that the translations today are accurate with their original messages/meanings. The accuracy of the Bible leans truth toward the existence of God.

Whether or not people choose to believe in God doesn't disprove God exists. Christianity is based on Jesus, not Christians. Christians' shortcomings in living the way God wants us to doesn't disprove the existence of God. Evidence of God is experienced through a personal relationship with Jesus. For those who do believe in God, they know that God is alive and well.

Josh Doak
Junior Business Management Major

Congratulations, you have successfully offended a large portion of the Missouri Southern body.

I read your editorial column, "Christians Bow to Dead Being" in the Oct. 11 issue of *The Chart*, and I have to ask myself, "Why? Why did you write that editorial?" What's next? Bashing Hinduism? Buddhism? Judaism? What "opinion" do you have about the Muslim religion? Is that just a bunch of hot air too?

Christianity. It's not an ugly word. To millions of people all over the world, it's truth. It's purpose. It's real. There is evidence to corroborate it! Scientists, archeologists and historians have proven it. Some, like yourself, refuse to believe it. So next time, when you want to go on a self-serving rant, try doing it in private. Tell a friend. Start a diary. Don't bash something that so many people hold dear. Oh, and in case you feel like venting your bitterness at the expense of those who read *The Chart* try making it a little less degrading for yourself. Now that the majority of the students have read your editorial, I'm sure they all agree that you made yourself look like a jackass.

Still I ask myself, "Why? Why did you write that editorial? What did want to accomplish by writing it?" The only thing you really accomplished was to diminish my view of the professionalism & ethics of the entire staff of *The Chart*.

I'm sending this to several other people besides you. Including the President of the College. Perhaps in the future, your boss will reconsider allowing you to use the College newspaper as a forum for your opinion on anything ever again.

I pray that in the future, God will give us Christians enough grace to put up with people like you.

Jessica Head
Sophomore Nursing Major

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Diversions

John Pratt, left, Jordan Wilkerson, Paul Farris, Brandon Bellegarde and Josh Jennings play for the punk sounding band that got their name from a baby-naming book, but they claim they got their name from a trip to IHOP.
Naoko Onoda/The Chart

IHOP

Band creates new original sound

By Philip Martin
Sports Editor

Macon, "the people's band," chooses not to sound like anybody else.

After much discussion, the band decided that they sound like an alternative rock band. Although they said some of their songs sound like punk, and they do throw in some funk.

"There are no local bands that sound like us," said Jordan Wilkerson, bass and backup vocals.

Josh Jennings said they cover a Beatles song, but they don't sound like them. Jennings said that they write their own music, but they do some covers. One of the covers they do is "Sweetness" by Jimmy Eat World.

The members of Macon consist of John Pratt, rhythm guitar and backup vocals; Paul Farris, lead vocals; Jennings, lead guitar; Wilkerson, bass and backup vocals; and Brandon Bellegarde, drums.

Many people ask if they got their name from the town in Georgia. Farris said they have two stories that they tell people; one of the stories is true, and the other one is fake.

"We had a show, just like an acoustic show for our friends just to let them know what we were doing," Farris said. "We didn't really have a band name, we were in between four of them. We're not going to mention the names because they weren't that good.

"So we go to IHOP afterward, kind of relaxing and after Josh had had a few. He starts to like slur or stutter or whatever.

"So we're at IHOP and he says 'I want the Breakfast blur,' because I have to edit that out. Because it's probably copyrighted or something. But he says that 'I don't want any macon,' he meant to say bacon."

Jennings and the waitress started arguing about what he meant to say. Everybody else said that they liked the slur so much that they chose it as the band's name. That is the fake story. The real story is that Farris went to B. Dalton Bookstore and was looking for a book with names in it. After being pointed to the section with the books of baby names, he found the name Macon. The book said that the name means to create or perform an art, and he said that is what the band does.

They said that they tell the first story to people just because it's funny. The band as a whole has been together before, under different names and with different people. Farris said that he and Pratt were the original members, then Wilkerson came in and "then a guy named George, who was going to play lead, but then a guy named Robert who was also going to play lead, but it didn't work out."

Then last March, Farris, Jennings and Pratt were playing together and they got a hold of Will Probyn, who is the band's manager, while Bellegarde was sitting with him eating at KFC. Probyn told Farris he had a drummer for his group and handed the phone to Bellegarde.

After that there was four of them just playing together. Then, they were at a party at Barry Linduff's house where they met Wilkerson. After that they held their first practice at Purdy, Mo. The band has been together for eight months.

When it comes to writing the music they all write the music together. Farris said that instead of one person writing the songs, which on some songs it has happened that way, they instead let everybody put their input in and maybe start shouting out lyrics while practicing the songs. Farris said that they let everybody have a say in what is put into the music. They don't throw out anybody's ideas, "unless it is Jordan's," said Pratt.

"His ideas usually revolve around sex," said Jennings.

Pratt said that there is no "I in band," while Bellegarde did say that there is b, a, n and d.

Macon has performed in local clubs and restaurants including Fusion and Kharacters. Upcoming shows include one in Tulsa with another local band as soon as that deal is put together. They will also be playing in the Green Room, somewhere in Columbia, Mo. and at the Hurricane in Kansas City. Jennings said that sometime in January or February they will be playing at the Kitchen Pass.

They said that they are participating in a battle of the bands at Kharacters Nov. 2, and people can show up for the battle at 8 p.m.

Macon did say that an RCA producer showed up to their last show, and they don't know what will come from that. They said that if they win the battle and get the $500 prize money they will use the money to record an album.

They said that they want to do this to keep their fans happy, and to help get their names out there. They do this because as Jennings said they are "the people's band."

Upcoming panel, lunch explains ways of Indian business

By Josh Ray
Diversions Editor

The International Trade and Quality Center will be hosting a symposium for people interested in business in India.

Two different events will be put on for anyone who wants to know more about trade in India. Dr. Bo Strombom will be one of the members of the panel of the first event. Strombom was a professor at Missouri Southern for a year and a half. He has worked in numerous business positions and helped with such things as the Chilean exchange program.

He will also be talking to a few classes throughout the last week of October.

The event, organized in part by Terry Marion, director of International Trade and Quality Center, will be held at 11:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 29 in Billingsly Student Center Room 310. It will be a open-discussion with lunch. Marion says the event will be of interest to people in business. The $10 price covers the Indian cuisine served at the event.

"It is for people who have an interest in doing business internationally, specifically India to come together and network so they have contacts and they have questions," he said.

The event will be a time for people to meet others in Indian business and find out answers to what they did not know already. Dr. John Lewis, associate professor of international business with the International Trade and Quality Center, said the symposium will also be a place to "make business people more comfortable."

"This is really an informal opportunity for people to learn how to, and how not to, do business in India," he said.

The second event, called "How U.S. Companies Improved Their Foothold in India," will be geared more towards the student body. There will be at least three definite speakers on the panel to discuss business in India. Lewis said some of the discussion will be about how the government of India hurts business in the country.

The speakers will also talk about how changes have happened in the country over the last 10 years.

Marion said the discussion is really good for students going into international business.

"It's an international enrichment," he said. "There will be an extensive question and answer session."

The event will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 31. It will be in Matthews Hall Auditorium and free to everybody.

For information on the events or to buy tickets to the luncheon, persons can call the Center at 625-9530 or Marion at extension 9507.

Activities board hopes for bigger, more expensive concert

By Jacob West
Staff Writer

Scott Ritter's planned visit to Missouri Southern Monday, Oct. 21 was the main topic at the Campus Activities Board meeting Oct.14.

As a preview for Ritter, a documentary film is planned, introducing the background of what weapons inspectors for Iraq do.

"This is going to be awesome," said Julie Blackford, director of student activities, "for Southern and CAB."

Ritter's appearance is set for 7 p.m. Monday at the Taylor Performing Arts Center. CAB Publicity for the event includes flyers and posters on campus. Jeremy Sturgell, lectures committee chairman, said publicity has spurred phone calls, including some from local TV stations interested in covering the event.

Homecoming week was also discussed. The CAB website has been updated with information on the week's events. The two movies that will be shown during Homecoming Week are *Triple X* and *Spiderman*.

Sabrina Tyndall, family events committee chair, is responsible for organizing the Halloween skate night scheduled for Oct. 30 at the Webb City skating rink.

Posters are up on campus introducing the Core Project.

An announcement of a concert scheduled for Dec. 9-11, will feature Butch Walker, the former lead singer of Marvelous Three.

The cost for CAB will be between $2,500-$5,000, and tickets will range in prices from $3 for Southern students, and $5-7 for non-Southern students.

Blackford said she was concerned that the concert was being held during finals week, which could affect turnout.

"I don't think it will affect student turnout, being finals," said David Kenny, concert chairman. "It is something that will be really good for CAB and the students."

In other business, CAB nominated sophomore Kristopher Knight and senior Michelle Boley as Homecoming King and Queen candidates.

CAB meets every Monday at noon in Billingsly Student Center, room 310. The next meeting is set for Oct. 21.

John Pratt plays for the local band Macon. Read the story for information on the group.

Mix band guaranteed to give good show

BY JOSH RAY
Diversions Editor

Special to The Chart

The Core Project is a rap/funk/rock band out of St. Louis. The band has opened for such acts as Nelly, Ja Rule and The Crystal Method. The Southern concert is free to everyone.

An upcoming concert at Missouri Southern will be featuring one of Nelly's opening acts.

The Core Project will be putting on a rap/funk/rock show at Billingsly Student center.

The group is out of St. Louis and is currently in the process of making a major label signing. David Kenny, executive chair for the Campus Activities Board, said they are the "biggest local act" out of the city. Kenny, who played a key role in getting the group to come here, said he saw the opportunity to get them before they signed.

"It's good we got them before they blow up," he said.

He described their way of performing as a "different style of an act." After watching them play, he was impressed with them.

"It was a pretty amazing show," Kenny said.

The concert will be opened by two bands from the local music scene. The bands are Defending the Addiction and The Rich Kids, formerly known as The Gray. Kenny said he got the local bands to open because he wanted to support the local scene and give the groups a chance to perform with a "more well-known act."

Matthew Long, vocalist and guitarist for The Rich Kids, said he is not nervous about playing with such a big act.

"I don't feel any pressure, really," he said. "It's more of an opportunity. I'm excited."

Long said he is looking forward to the concert because it will give his band a chance to play closer to home. The group, which usually plays at coffee houses and bars, is a rock band.

Kenny said the show will surely be great if a lot of people show up.

"It'll be a pretty kick-butt night if a lot of people show up," he said. "What'll make it fun is if people show."

The event is free to everyone. People wanting to attend should start showing up at 7:30 p.m. on Friday.

It will be held on the bottom floor of Billingsly Student Center.

"It's free for the kids to go out and have a good time," Kenny said. "Bring your friends."

MMM... MIC... YUMMY...

Andy Tevis/The Chart

CKY lead singer Deron Miller plays a song from the band's new album, Infiltrate, Destroy, Rebuild, during a concert in Pittsburg, Kansas at Foxtown City Limits Oct. 15. The band has gained much of their success by being played on MTV's "Jackass" and the infamous "Camp Kill Yourself" videos.

Class gives experience to students in 3-D art

BY NATE BILLINGS
Staff Writer

Art is more than drawing a two-dimensional picture. It is more than sculpting. In Dewane Hughes's, assistant art professor, Basic Form class students learn how to perceive and understand the formal relationship between objects in space. Hughes said today's generation lacks an understanding of forms.

He said that the course is an exploration of the ideas and principles of three dimensional forms.

"People can't see how objects relate to one another in space," Hughes said.

The class works with several different materials and ideas in the classroom. They have built tree, wire, and dowel sculptures. Hughes has also given the class several random objects to build a non-representational form with during a two hour time limit. The class has been beneficial to the students.

"It helps you see things in a different way. Looking at something and building it are two completely different things," said Melissa Cunningham, freshman art major and Basic Form student.

"It [Basic Form] helps you in many areas of your life," said Alison Wright, senior studio art major.

Jeff Smith, freshman art major, said that he has gotten a better understanding of the processes involved not only in art, but in everyday objects.

"When you know the processes involved you become a better artist," Smith said. "It makes you think a lot more deeper than your perceptions allow."

"You apply the principles of design by experimentation and trial and error," Cunningham said.

The Basic Form class is a prerequisite for several classes.

"It's not a sluff course. It's something you have to put a lot of time into," Cunningham said .

"It's the first step in a long process," Smith said.

"Art majors don't just make stuff, they apply standards and rules to their work," Wright said.

Cunningham, Smith and Wright said that the course has helped them better perceive a three-dimensional form from a two-dimensional shape. They also said they have gained a sense of whether or not a material is workable in one way or another; whether or not the material is sturdy enough to take a shape.

"When you start a project, you have a vague idea, but then something clicks and you can visualize the end result," Cunningham said.

Hughes said there is some freedom in teaching the class. And, after a semester of work, the class will take that freedom on the road. There is a soapbox derby at the end of every semester. It is open to anyone who wants to come and participate.

Bars offer entertainment for the underage

JOSH RAY
Diversions Editor

Let's go play pool!

But wait, where can you go? Not everyone is 21, so not everyone can go to all the local places to just hang out.

But if you're looking for someplace to just hang out and do not want to pay a cover charge, follow me and I'll show you a couple of places to go.

Our first option is J-Town. If you're of legal drinking age, then this is a pretty good place to go. They've got a bunch of pool tables, and if you catch it at the right time, it is never too hard to find one open.

Not only that, but the food there is also rather good. It's not too expensive, and the portions are nice. You can get everything from chicken strips and fries to ribs. Naturally, they also serve alcohol. But if you don't care about playing pool, they have numerous TVs, playing different sports games, or on some nights you can play a trivia game that is really cool. There is a problem though.

If you're not 21, you can't get in after a certain time. This is some stupid rule that they started months ago. The time is either 8 or 10 p.m. I'm not sure because I've been told two different things the last couple of times I've been there. So if you're looking for a place to go after those times, J-Town isn't it. But that doesn't mean you have to just go home and play a video game. There are other options.

One of those is the OK Bar. Now, like yours probably was, my first thought was that this would be a hang-out for every hick in the area. But I was wrong. It's actually an all right place. There are not as many pool tables as J-Town, and I'm not sure how the food is, but it's a nice place to just hang out. The people will treat you really well there also, unlike J-Town, where service is really hard to come by.

Every time I've been to the OK Bar, my friends and I were practically met at the door by someone asking us if we needed anything, and then directing us to the open pool tables. It was great. Plus, you don't have to be any certain age to just come in and hang out. That's always a plus. Also, if you're lucky, there will be some good-looking girls to talk to or hit on. But if you're not really in the mood for someplace that sounds like a western saloon, there is one more choice.

That place is Shooters. Again, this is another place where you don't have to be a certain age to get in. There are a few pool tables, but I really don't know if they serve food there or not. Usually when I go, it's late. I just want to play pool, so I don't worry about the chow part of the night. But again, it's a nice, quaint little bar and a nice place to just chill for a while.

So, if you're 21 and want to go to J-Town, good for you. But if you're not, and don't have a fake, you might as well not even worry about trying. It's a waste of your time, trust me.

They'll card you the second you order a water. At least, that's what they did to my friend and I (I'd never seen anyone carded for a water until then, but oh well). Go to Shooters or the OK Bar. They're never as crowded anyway.

Area Events

If your organization has an event you would like publicized, call Josh Ray at 625-9311.

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Abandon, Formula 51 and *The Ring* open at Joplin's Northstar 14 Theater.

Men's soccer plays @ 7 p.m. at home vs. Midwestern State.

BSU will be having a scavenger hunt and going to the Spooklight @ 7 p.m.

CORE Project will be playing @ 7:30 p.m. on the bottom floor of Billingsly.

19
Lions volleyball will play @ 11 a.m. at Central Missouri.

Lions will play @ 6 p.m. at home vs. Truman.

21
Scott Ritter will be giving a lecture @ 7 p.m. in Taylor Auditorium.

22
Homecoming Royalty elections will be from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. in the Lions Den.

Lions soccer will play @ 7p.m. at home vs. John Brown.

23
Homecoming Royalty elections will be from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. in the Lions Den.

Lady Lions soccer will play @ 2 p.m. at Northwest Missouri.

24
Koinonia will be having a free lunch from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. in the Criminal Justice Lobby.

Meet @ 3 p.m. at BSU for "Festival Con Dios" and "Exciting Christian Bands."

College Democrats will meet @ 12:15 p.m on the second floor of Webster Hall.

Culturally Speaking's bachelor and bachelorette auction will be held @ 8 p.m. in Webster Auditorium.

Weekend Happenings:

Kitchen Pass::
Friday: 32nd Street Band 9:30 p.m.
Happy Hour 4-9 p.m.

Saturday: Reba Russell 9:30 p.m.
Happy Hour 4-9 p.m.

Club 609::
Friday: Happy Hour 4-8 p.m.

Saturday: Happy Hour 11 a.m. - 8p.m.

Kharacters::
Friday: Jetta Soul 8 p.m.
Happy Hour 4-7 p.m.

Useless Information

The name for OZ in the *Wizard of OZ* was thought up when the creator, Frank Baum, looked at his filing cabinet and saw A-N and O-Z, hence "OZ" (but why not call it *The Wizard of AN*?).

For 186 days you can not see the sun in the North Pole (no days...hmmm... lots of sleep and partying!).

Men can read smaller print than women (which is why more women get more credit cards).

Shaquille O'Neil wears a size 22EEE shoe (and everyone says Bigfoot doesn't exist).

The only food cockroaches won't eat are cucumbers (makes you wonder what's wrong with cucumbers).

Armadillos can be house broken (and they're so much cuter than dogs and cats).

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Naoko Onoda/The Chart

Terhi Kauppila is an exchange student from Vierumaki Institute.

Finland student visits College

Kauppila travels to experience U.S.

BY MANDI STEELE
International Editor

Traveling to a foreign country can be quite an experience to tackle. Add a semester of college classes to the trip as well, and one can see the challenge awaiting an exchange student.

Terhi Kauppila, sophomore kinesiology major, is one student who decided to take on the challenge by flying across the Atlantic from Finland to study for a semester at Missouri Southern.

"I was interested in traveling and seeing new countries," she said.

The opportunity to take different classes from those at her home university and the chance to better her English skills brought Kauppila to Southern.

Kauppila's school, the Vierumaki Sport Institute of Finland, has a bilateral agreement with the College, said Kim Gray, international student adviser.

Through the agreement, Gray said Kauppila pays any college costs to Vierumaki instead of Southern's tuition rate, and any Southern student who goes to Vierumaki for a semester will pay regular Southern tuition.

Kauppila said there really aren't too many differences between Finland and the United States, except for the fact the Finish don't eat as many pizzas and hamburgers. Things cost about the same, she said, except education is free in Finland.

One thing Kauppila does miss about being away from her homeland is nature.

"We have a lot of beautiful forests and lakes and flowers everywhere in Finland," Kauppila said.

Taking four different courses in kinesiology from the College, Kauppila said she hopes to become a sports instructor.

"I've always been interested in sports," she said.

Dr. Sheri Beeler, assistant professor of kinesiology, is one of Kauppila's instructors and said the sport institute Kauppila attends is a "very competitive" school. Out of more than 1,500 students who apply to Vierumaki, Beeler said only 25 women and 25 men are selected.

"It's the premier institute for students to be trained in a physical coaching or wellness field," Beeler said.

Orienteering, a sport where competitors have to find different landmarks with a compass and a map, is Kauppila's favorite sport. She said she also enjoys cross country skiing.

Aside from English and Finish, Kauppila also knows Swedish and German and has joined the College's International and Kinesiology clubs.

She said she really likes the international focus Southern promotes.

"It has been really great to get to know people from all over the world," Kauppila said.

Beeler said Kauppila is the fourth exchange student Southern has had from Vierumaki.

Beeler said she enjoys having international students participate in the sports classes because "they add a different dimension."

Faculty, students discuss offering Arabic class next semester

BY ALLISON ROSEWICZ
Editor-in-Chief

Many say the time is right to offer an Arabic class at Missouri Southern next semester.

Southern offers six foreign languages — Spanish, French, German, Russian, Chinese and Japanese. But students and members of the faculty have both become interested in the opportunity to learn a new culture — Arabic.

"I would like for this class to be offered," said Dr. Jay Moorman, head of the department of communications. "The time is now for this class to be offered."

Dr. Chad Stebbins, director of the Institute of International Studies, said Southern could benefit from the addition of the class.

"Obviously, the more languages we offer, the more it helps the international programs," he said. "But on the flip side of the coin, Arabic is one of the most difficult languages to learn."

He said although the College offers Chinese, few students take it because it is so difficult. He believes the same could happen with the Arabic class.

"It could be a risky financial move to hire a full-time instructor and have few students in the class," he said.

Arabic was offered in the fall of 1991 and spring of 1992, and it is listed in the catalog, but not enough interest has been generated to have the class until now.

If the class happens, it will be offered as Arabic 298 next semester.

Moorman and Khalil Mekkaoui, part-time foreign language professor, said the events of Sept. 11, 2001, and the recent conflict between the United States and Iraq have increased the interest in the Arab culture.

Last year, Mekkaoui called Moorman and said he would like to teach a class like this.

Mekkaoui said, "It is important for students and the general public in our area to have first-hand exposure to a culture that has been misunderstood sometimes."

Mekkaoui is a native of Morocco and speaks all dialects of Arabian language. He has taught linguistics and Islamic civilization in Morocco and also taught at King Saud University in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. He worked for the Peace Corps as a language teacher and has a master's degree in linguistics and teaching foreign language.

Despite his qualifications, Mekkaoui is afraid he will be unable to teach the class next semester. As a part-time instructor, the College allows him to only teach a certain number of hours per year.

If he teaches the Arabic class next semester, he could go over the limit. He would have to get special permission from the administration if that is the case.

Nevertheless, Mekkaoui said he continues to have "wishful thinking." He wants to include culture and religion in the class, plus teach some of the Arabic languages.

"I would have absolute enjoyment teaching this class because I would feel like I was contributing something," he said.

Students are also pushing for the class to be offered.

Casey Alcorn, freshman business and communications major, said students need to learn about the Arabic culture in times like these, and additionally, the market for jobs with experience in Arabic is growing, especially in intelligence agencies.

Stebbins said the FBI is reporting that not enough people in government agencies have skills in the Arabic, Hebrew, Persian and Turkish languages.

Alcorn said the chance to learn about others is a part of the college experience.

"A big thing is to kind of get your feet wet, to experience something new," she said. "Being in college is all about experiencing new things."

Alcorn approached Moorman and Mekkaoui a couple of weeks ago about the class. Moorman told her if she could get 12 people to commit to taking the class, it could possibly be offered.

She has approximately eight students signed up right now and is hoping for more.

"But it takes a big interest by the students and an interest by the faculty," Moorman said. "The bureaucracy has to approve this."

Mekkaoui said he was "pleasantly surprised" when Alcorn approached him.

"This is the only way it's going to happen," he said. "If students want it, it will happen. It's always better to be needed than to have to sell yourself."

Alcorn said she is trying to get the word out about the class. She makes announcements in all her classes and will soon be putting posters up.

Mekkaoui said if he gets the opportunity to teach this class, his goal is not to change opinions or push his own, but to merely state facts and educate. He also wants to eliminate stereotypes of Arab peoples.

"It is a shame that a country such as the United States and people in the highest education still don't know the feelings of the populous of the Arabic culture," he said.

"If students want it, it will happen."

Khalil Mekkaoui
Foreign Language Professor

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Carthage hosts annual festival

BY KIMBERLY FEATHER
Staff Writer

Crafts, music and fun are all incorporated in the eight-day annual Maple Leaf Festival held in Carthage.

The festivities began Oct. 10 with Gospel music and a Maple Leaf showcase and ends Saturday with the Maple Leaf Parade, annual pancake feed, hospitality station with free coffee and hot chocolate, a petting zoo, auto show, chili luncheon, ham and bean dinner, marching band competition and a dog show.

Registration for the dog show is 12:30-1:15 p.m., and the show starts at 1:30 p.m. The competition is on the Northeast side of the square and admission is free.

Throughout the week, activities included the Little Miss, Jr. Miss and Mister Maple Leaf Pageant and the Maple Leaf Queen Pageant. Also, a Fun Walk, sponsored by Curves for Women, was held Oct. 13.

Oct. 11, the Carthage Rotary Club sponsored the Best Brats on the square event and McCune-Brooks Hospital sponsored a baby contest.

A quilt show and contest will be presented at various businesses on the Carthage Square. The public will vote for the winner of the contest.

"I think that the Maple Leaf Festival is tons of fun," said Melodie Maynard, sophomore studio arts major. "I go every year with my boyfriend; it is a tradition."

Leggett and Platt, Inc., and Southwest Missouri Bank sponsor the famous Maple Leaf Parade. The Parade will include area bands, floats, cars and horses. The parade begins at 9 a.m. Entertainment all day on the Carthage Square is promised for Saturday.

"I love going to the Maple Leaf Parade, I think it is a lot of fun," said Adam Boswell, resident of Carthage. "My only problem is I think that it is too early in the morning, maybe they should make it for a later time."

The Powers Museum will be showing an exhibit on Exploring Garden Transformations from 1900-2000. The hours for this exhibit will be from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday through Saturday and from 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

Admission is free.

Area gatherings center around Halloween fun

BY VIRGINIA FAIRCHILD
City Editor

Along with the month of October comes loads of festivities centered on Halloween.

The City of Joplin is sponsoring the Halloween Spooktacular, which is part of the Safe Halloween the city puts on each year.

The event will be from 4-7 p.m. Oct. 31 at Memorial Hall. This annual family event will include a costume contest and "goodies." The night will feature children's comedian, Dave Rudolf.

For information about this event, persons may call 623-3254.

Harvest Acres Pumpkin Patch, located two miles north of Joplin at the intersection of Highways 43 and 96, is having wagon rides and pumpkin paintings Friday and Saturday nights. For information, persons may call 417-394-2270.

If one doesn't mind a little traveling, Diamond's Carver National Monument is hosting a workshop on how to make a bat house from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26.

Ellen Cox, park ranger, said the idea came after four members of the park went to seminars put on by the International Bat Association. The program evolved, she said, from the information the group found.

"Part of the goal of the workshop is to dispel the myths about bats and encourage people to put up bat houses in their yards," Cox said. "They're [bats] so helpful and we need to educate people on their importance."

The event is free and open to the public.

She said she hopes that by building bat houses at the workshop, it will educate people and in turn save bat lives.

Carthage is sponsoring its annual Halloween on the Carthage Square. The event includes a costume contest at 3:30 p.m., which is followed by trick-or-treating around the square.

Fredrickson Farms in Carl Junction is hosting special activities at its pumpkin patch every Saturday through the end of October.

Tami and Steve Fredrickson own the Farms, located north on Grimes Street.

"When a patch of grass for hay didn't come up, we decided to grow a patch of pumpkins," Tami Fredrickson said. "That's how it started and we've grown, grown, grown each year."

The farm will host pumpkin painting Saturday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Paint will be provided. On Saturday, Oct. 26, the farm will provide hayrides.

"When we get a nice group of folks together, we'll take a ride around the pumpkin patch," she said.

The pumpkin patch opened in September and remains open through October.

The Dickerson Park Zoo in Springfield is hosting its 19th annual Halloween Spooktacular from 6:30-9:30 p.m. nightly beginning Friday and it runs through Oct. 31. Tickets are $3 per person.

The event includes several Halloween features. Hand-carved jack-o-lanterns will light the path during this 14-day event. Children ages 1-12 will receive candy from costumed volunteers throughout the zoo.

Russ Hagerman/The Chart

Rachelle Hawks, senior nursing major, and Jera Gallemore, senior nursing major, jog on the trails of Murphey Park in Joplin. This is one of the many parks that will see an improvement after a new 10-year plan is put in place to jazz up area recreational facilities.

Joplin parks receive makeover, as well as new athletic complex

BY T.J. GERLACH
Staff Writer

Joplin's parks are getting a facelift and a new athletic complex is in the works for the city.

Some of the parks in town have already received improvements. These improvements were made after the department of parks and recreation surveyed 750 area residents to decide what the citizens thought needed to be changed in the parks.

"There's really not been a lot accomplished with the parks in several years," said Jerry Calvin, director of parks and recreation for Joplin.

"There's never been a parks master plan as far as determining what citizen needs were."

The survey showed the main concern of citizens was the "outdated amenities."

"Restrooms have been there for a lot of years and needed a lot of improvements," Calvin said. "And the playground equipment didn't comply with the new safety guidelines that are in place."

Aside from these improvements, all parks will be updated to meet the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Lighting and parking improvements will also be made to all parks.

"I think the parks are well managed and well maintained," said Caleb Gallemore, freshman international studies major.

"But the parks' hours are a bit inconvenient for college students."

The parks' master plan is funded by the parks and storm water sales tax, with $10 million allocated to the parks department from this tax.

When the tax is renewed, the department will receive an additional $10 million to complete the improvements.

The master plan is a 10-year plan for the improvement on the parks. During that time, both Cunningham and Ewert pools will be upgraded to accommodate more people.

A new athletic complex, a site yet to be determined, will also be built using $6 million of the $20 million. The complex will include new baseball fields, soccer fields and tennis courts.

Calvin said the complex will also have "nice restrooms, a nice concession, maybe a clubhouse where people can buy supplies and equipment for their particular sport and a playground for the younger kids."

Three baseball fields around Joplin will be shut down and replaced in the new athletic center, as well as the tennis courts at Schifferdecker Park.

Memorial Hall will also benefit from these improvements. The heating and air conditioning will be upgraded. Its roof will be redone.

The interior will see changes to meet ADA requirements as well as improvements made to the stage area.

Another part of the plan is a nature center at Wildcat Park. The center is a joint effort between the city of Joplin, the National Audubon Society and the Missouri Department of Conservation. The center would help preserve some of the park's natural features.

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Vaccinations available Monday in Carthage

The Jasper County Health Department in Carthage will vaccinate county residents from 9-11 a.m. and from 1-3 p.m. Monday, Oct. 22 by appointment only.

The vaccinations are free to people ages 65 and older and to those with high-risk medical conditions. If vaccines are still available after the clinic, shots will be offered after Nov. 1 at $10 per vaccination for those under age 65. To make an appointment, persons interested may call 417-358-3111. The Department is located at 105 Lincoln St in Carthage.

Area defense projects receive state funding

Two defense projects in the Springfield area received $6.5 million from the final Defense Appropriations Act of 2003.

Southwest Missouri State University is included in the defense bill for $2 million in research funds to continue development of chemical and biological sensors. The new instruments can be used to detect the presence of harmful biological and chemical agents.

The research at SMSU is part of a 10-year partnership with Brewer Sciences, Inc., in Rolla, Mo., to develop a polymer-based sensor platform for homeland security applications.

Conference to discuss abusive relationships

The Fifth Annual Christine Conference on Teenage Abusive Dating Relationships, hosted by St. John's Regional Medical Center, will be from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 25 in the Mercy Conference Center.

The conference, held each October in recognition of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, is in memory of Christine, a woman who lost her life due to domestic violence. Dr. Jill Murray, who has appeared on *Oprah*, is the featured presenter.

The Conference is sponsored by St. John's along with grants from Dr. Mary Bourland.

The cost of the event and materials is $20.

Registration is due Friday. Persons interested may call St. John's Educational Services to register at 625-2271.

Memorial Hall features Wet and Wild Tour

Gallagher Wet and Wild Tour is slated to begin at 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 25 in Joplin Memorial Hall.

Gallagher uses humor and showers his audience with pureed fruit salad and other food products. He will sign autographs before and after the show.

Tickets are on sale now at Memorial Hall, Dillon's in Joplin and Ron's IGA in Pittsburg. For information, persons may call 623-3254.

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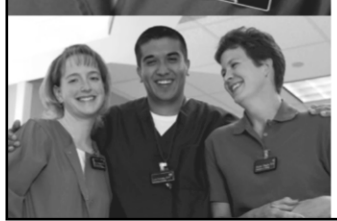

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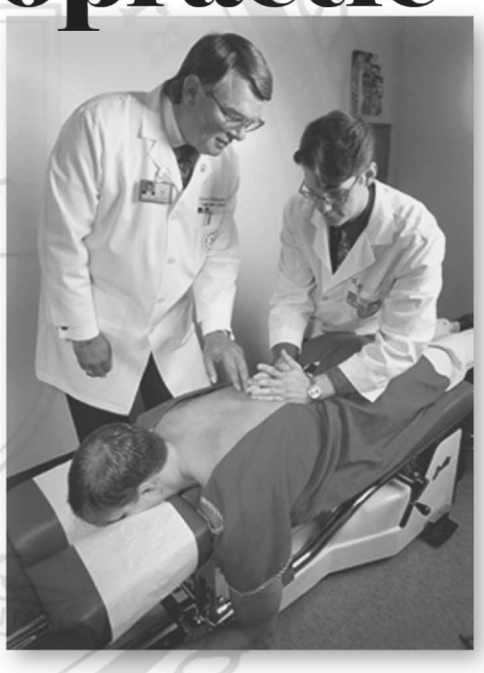

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Southern teaching program strives to challenge students

BY JACOB WEST
Staff Writer

Students can gain the skills necessary to teach by going through the teacher education program.

Missouri Southern offers many options for students who participate in the program that lasts 10 weeks .

Students have the option of either PK-12 or PK-3, early childhood, where weeks are spent in the classroom or even overseas through the Institute for International Studies. The International Student Teaching program also provides courses during the summer including countries like England, France, Germany, Switzerland, Brazil, Austria, Sweden and Denmark.

There are several student professional organizations at the College, including the Association for Childhood Education International, Collegiate Middle Level Association, International Reading Association, Kappa Delta Pi (International Honor Society), World Issues for Study by Educators and others.

A professor that Dr. Jane Scholl, associate professor of teacher education, enjoys helping students go through the program.

Scholl described the program as, "rigorous, appropriate and comprehensive in that it prepares students to be teachers not only through their content, but through their dispositions."

At Southern, the program offers students many choices in the courses they take.

There are requirements, however, that have been set.

Candidates must pass the C-base before Junior Block, which is a test that provides an overall understanding of college level courses, receive at least a 20 on the ACT test, have a 2.75 or better G.P.A. and apply to Junior Block (at least 55 hours. completed). Students are tentatively admitted, then after completion of Junior Block courses, they receive full admission.

Scholl thinks the program is excellent in this way.

"It is one that we [professors] are teaching," she said. "If we encounter any concerns we help them [students] overcome them."

Students must also complete writing intensive courses, courses for both core requirements and the department of education requirements and have a 21-hour concentration area such as art, math, music, science or social studies.

"Our first-year teachers that go out teach as if they had been teaching for two or three years," she said. "We feel like we are doing a good job."

For those students who want to receive further certification in Secondary Education, they can choose from early childhood education, special education or teaching English as a second language.

"There are a lot of opportunities for our students to do college service, community service and to be involved in professional society organizations," she said.

A student that has begun her student-teaching semester is Lisa Goans-Edie, senior elementary education major. Having gone through the program, Edie agrees that it is good.

"I feel well-prepared," she said, "I am ready to go on and move to the next step."

Edie has been teaching third grade at Carl Junction Elementary for one week, under Connie Cuthbertson, a supervising teacher. She helps with daily math lessons and morning routine procedures, such as hand washing and bathroom breaks.

"The kids are a challenge," said Edie. "All in all I've got a really good class."

Helping to provide her with many materials, Edie thinks of her co-operating teacher in this way, "She's a very experienced teacher," she said. "She has given me all kinds of tips and things that I will be able to use once I'm out there on my own."

Her future plans after graduation in December are still uncertain, but as far as her teaching so far, things have gone well.

"I'm having a great time," she said. "It is the highlight of my college career so far."

HARD WORK

Bill Shepherd/The Chart

Construction workers apply a new layer of roofing tar on top of Taylor Fine Arts Building.

SAGA:

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ical science major, Leigh Babbit, senior history major, and Paul Rhymer, junior political science major, are all on the board that represents SAGA.

One of the group's major concerns is the tuition increase.

"It's 124 per credit hour where as you can go to SMS, and it's 128," Girouard said.

He doesn't understand why it is so high at Southern when the College is not even a university.

"My freshman year it was $70 a credit hour, now it's $124," he said. "That's ridiculous."

SAGA plans to start letter-writing campaigns to state senators and eventually travel to Jefferson City to fight for fair tuition and other student cost concerns. Other colleges like University of Missouri-Columbia and University of Missouri-Rolla have student organizations and lobbies that go to Jefferson City and speak out for tuition cuts, Girouard said.

"We want a voice," he said. "Missouri Southern doesn't have a voice. We're on the verge of being a university, so we, the students, actually need a voice."

Dr. Tom Simpson, associate professor of political science, is the advisor to SAGA.

"As a sponsor, I'm also trying to remind them of their academic role," he said.

He sees the SAGA member's efforts as playing right into what they're taught academically.

"They are literally trying to take the lessons they've learned in class and apply them in the world," Simpson said.

The tuition still continues to rise, said Girouard, even with all the Coca-Cola and Leggett and Platt endorsements. He wants to know why. The club intends to find out and has been looking over Southern's audit by the secretary of state.

It is not only the tuition SAGA cares about, but also parking fees, activity fees and the crosswalks. The Southern budget for the new crosswalk light planned is $250,000, said Girouard.

"We spoke to a security guard who said it's going to cost $100,000 to actually do it," he said. "Where's the other $150,000 going?"

Simpson said the SAGA member's initiative is "impressive."

"I think they're going to be very effective," he said.

Around 30 people are already members of SAGA. The membership fee is $10 a semester. Although most members are political science majors, any majors are welcome to join the club.

"We want everybody involved," said Girouard.

DISCOVER:

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to new students like the honors program, residence hall life and campus activities. Holley Goodnight, coordinator of new student programs, will talk specifically about the Fresh Start programs and Freshman Orientation.

"The freshmen year is a big transition for many kids," Goodnight said. "They need to know what to expect."

After the break out sessions, students will pair up with faculty members at a cookout prior to the Lions football game against Truman State.

The next Discovery Day will be Friday, Nov. 1. This will be primarily focused on students interested in health care professions.

Besides talking about housing, admissions and financial aid, these students will have an opportunity to talk to professors and students currently teaching and enrolled in health care classes.

Two more Discovery Days follow on Monday, Feb. 10 and Friday, April 4, 2003. the Discovery days are open for any high school, transfer or non-traditional student.

Southern offers tours Monday through Friday and some Saturdays throughout the school year. For more details on how to set up a tour persons should contact the Admissions office 782-6772.

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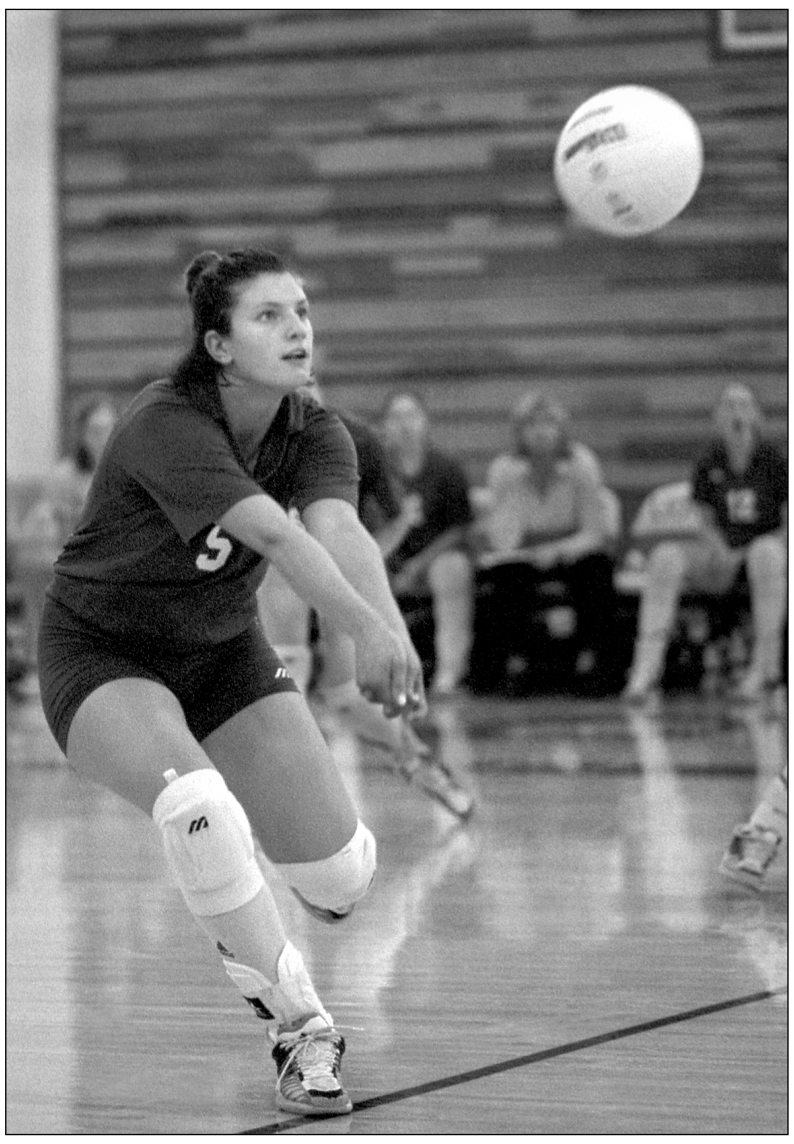

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Jessie Puszewski, sophomore outside hitter, bumps the ball during the Lady Lion's win against Northwest Missouri Oct. 12.

Lady Lions suffer unexpected losses

BY KRISTEN SMITH
Staff Writer

Another fall on Friday against Missouri Western marked the second loss last week for volleyball. The Griffons came to Joplin on Friday and defeated the Lady Lions in a three-game match. Southern beat Western in St. Joseph earlier this season.

"We beat them at Western and it was a big win for us," said Shannon Schultz, senior. "We knew they were going to be coming in with game faces and wanting revenge. We were expecting them to come in pumped up, and we came in pumped up, also, but just couldn't put anything together."

Middle hitter Lindsey Palaia was a big part in the victory for Western, even while suffering from an ankle injury.

According to Schultz, losing the match was due to many unforced errors on Southern's part. Sophomore Sarah Jaynes managed 16 defensive digs against the Griffons.

"We beat ourselves and we knew it," Schultz said. "We knew we were better than them so we should have beat them."

Despite Friday's loss, Southern came back on Saturday defeating Northwest Missouri State University, 30-18, 30-25, 30-21.

"We had to come in more focused than we did on Friday," said Jessie Puszewski, outside hitter. "We had to concentrate on our skills and not worry about the other teams."

"We realized that we needed to focus," she said. "We were not focused on what was important during Friday's game."

Lady Lions offensive hitters Amy Little and Puszewski led the team in kills and defensive digs again in both games.

"We came there to get the job done and with the same attitude that Missouri Western had on us," Schultz said.

Coach Debbie Traywick gave the Lady Lions an acronym for the word "WIN." According to Traywick, "win" stands for "what's important now."

Another team visiting Joplin this week, Drury University defeated Southern 1-3 on Oct. 16.

The Lady Lions were expecting to beat Drury as usual but were suprised by the outcome.

"The team has pretty bad attitudes towards us." said Schultz

Despite the loss, the Lady Lions look on to next week's games at Central Missouri State and Washburn University.

"If we keep focusing and playing our game, we should be able to beat any team regardless of who team it is and regardless of the competition," Puszewski said.

Southern strikers try to restart defense after loss

BY ERIC SCOTT
Assistant Sports Editor

Although the Lions soccer team might have lost two games in a row, they are looking to stay on the prowl with a game against Midwestern State University Friday.

"We're real close to winning games," said Geoff VanDeusen, head coach. "It's hard when playing against teams with more scholarships, but we just need to keep plugging away."

In Southern's game against Quincy University Oct. 13, the Lions lost 3-2. Southern had a 2-1 lead at one time, but they could not hold it as Quincy scored two unanswered goals.

In the game, the Lions lost the shooting battle 24-7.

They also committed 26 fouls to Quincy's 18.

Freshman defender Zac Zalewski scored two goals and junior goalkeeper Cesar Vazquez had 10 saves.

The loss brought the Lions to 4-5-1 for the season.

"It was a hard fought game against Quincy," VanDeusen said.

"We sure didn't get any help from the officials, but we also had problems generating opportunities.

"I was also disappointed with the way Quincy scored because we had worked in practice to prevent the kinds of goals Quincy scored."

"Lately, I think we've been playing very well," Zalewski said.

"I think we played well enough in our losses to win, we just came up a little short."

VanDeusen said the team is trying to improve on their defense and the goals they give up in the penalty area.

"In order to start another win streak, I would say we need to get the offense rolling again," Zalewski said.

"If our defense steps up like we had been in our previous streak, it will lead us to scoring goals."

VanDeusen said the next game will be tough against Midwestern State.

"They are ranked 13th, I think, so it will be a good test for us," he said. "We have to generate scoring opportunities given to us."

"It is important that we finish on the balls that are in the (penalty) box," Zalewski said.

"I think we need to continue to take it game by game," VanDeusen said.

"We have to continue to strive to be better."

Team pumps up intensity in win over SBU Bearcats

BY ERIC SCOTT
Assistant Sports Editor

With a loss to Rockhurst University and a win over Southwest Baptist University, the Lady Lions finished the week with a 1-1 record and an overall record of 9-2 (4-0).

"We didn't come out in the first half too well against Rockhurst," said Geoff VanDeusen, head coach. "Playing with no intensity really led to our downfall."

In their 3-1 loss against Rockhurst, Southern started off the game by giving up three consecutive goals at 17:31, 34:44, and 43:58 in the first half. Southern's lone goal came at 71:10 in the second half by freshman midfielder Jenni Johnson with the assist by junior midfielder Amber Phipps. The Lady Lions out-shot Rockhurst 17-16 for the game, but Southern was out shot 13-4 in the first half.

"We didn't come out and play hard in the first half," Johnson said.

"I think if we played in the first half like we did in the second half, we would have won."

"We had been winning a lot," VanDeusen said, "but I think we weren't in the right state of mind for that game."

In their 3-2 win against Southwest Baptist University, the Lady Lions were down 2-1 at halftime. Then sophomore midfielder Ashley Munnelly scored a goal at 46:44 in the second half to tie the score at 2-2. Sophomore midfielder/forward Kaysie Griffin scored the winning goal at 56:13 in the second half. Munnelly had a goal and an assist while sophomore goalkeeper Kim Boessen had seven saves.

"I think we played great in our game against SBU," Johnson said. "I think we're going to keep improving the rest of the season."

"I think the girls want to continue to win," VanDeusen said.

"I think we'll bounce back from our recent loss very well, and we'll give it everything we have."

Southern's next game will be at the Northwest Missouri State Bearcats on Wednesday at 2 p.m.

Johnson says the team's toughest test of the season will be their game against Truman State.

"We haven't really come out and played tough the whole game yet," she said. "We must come out with a lot of intensity for us to beat Truman."

Andy Tevis/The Chart

Sophomore midfielder Ashley Munnelly rushes the ball upfield in their game against Rockhurst University. The Lady Lions lost the Oct. 12 game 3-1.

Lions fall to Northwest, prepare for battle with Bulldogs

BY PHILIP MARTIN
Sports Editor

Without having the full bullets in the barrel going into Northwest Missouri, the Lions felt like they were fighting a "gunfight with a pocket knife," said Bill Cooke, head football coach.

The Lions are trying to put their losses to Pitt State and Northwest behind them and move on to their game against Truman State University.

Kerry Byers, senior cornerback, said that the team needs to put the loss behind them, because there isn't anything they can do about it.

"We lost two games, that's not the whole season," Byers said.

"I feel, and everybody else on the team feels, that we can win the rest of the games on the schedule. And I feel like that is true."

One of the good parts about the upcoming game is that Josh Chapman, senior quarterback, will be coming back healed up better than he was last week. But some of the injuries that still persist with the team is Rob Stewart, junior offensive line, who has just had orthoscopic surgery on his knee and will be out for a couple of weeks.

Dustin Drake, junior offensive line, has a deep bone bruise on his calf but is expected to play.

Demarcus Mathes, sophomore wide receiver, is still doubtful to play Saturday.

Rob Green, offensive coordinator, said that they had a "poor showing offensively" on Saturday.

"One game is not going to deter our spirits," Green said.

He said that their offense goes as Chapman goes, and it just happens that the team lost.

They have to bounce back and prepare for the Bulldogs.

Cooke said Truman is a lesser defense compared to PSU and NWMSU. Cooke said that he doesn't know what to expect, because anything can happen.

Truman lost last weekend against Washburn, who Southern beat so the game is unexpectable going into each game.

"The one good thing is that we have a home field advantage here at Fred G. Hughes Stadium," Cooke said.

"We're going to take it as far as we can."

Cooke said that Truman runs a no huddle scheme that eats up the clock each time the team does it.

Atiba Bradley, freshman nose guard, said to prepare for the game the Lions have to practice harder and the "only game is the next game."

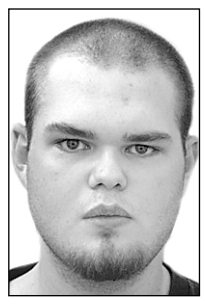
Men's soccer deprived of fans

One of the best parts about going to sporting events is the atmosphere of it all: the fast action on the field, the close plays and the roar of the crowd.

When I go to a Southern men's soccer game, I definitely see some fast action and exciting plays. The one thing that is missing is the roar of the crowd.

Maybe the team is 4-5-1, but they sure do play with a lot of heart and intensity. I also know it probably doesn't help not to have any fan support, especially when you're playing at home. Home field advantage ya' say? Ha ha ha ha. The last home game I went to, the attendance was a little over 40, and that was mostly parents.

How is it that everybody can go to the football games, but they don't go to soccer? I don't know about you, but it's a nice break in the middle of the week to go to a 7 p.m. soccer game. It beats an overpriced movie anyway.



Eric Scott
Asst. Sports Editor

If we can support other sports like football and volleyball, then why can't we support the men's soccer team? All the time I hear that the men's soccer team "sucks." I sure didn't hear anything about their three consecutive shut outs. If people would actually go to their games, they would find out that the team is definitely better than their record.

Right now I'm going to make my first bold statement of the year: the men's soccer team will make the NCAA Division II playoffs next year. That's right, you heard it here first. They have so much young talent right now that is leading the team. Just think of the experience they are getting right now. Next year, it will be a piece of cake for them. The Lions have a strong defense, and if they can capitalize on their scoring opportunities, watch out. Hey, 4-5-1 may not be much to look at right now, but it's only one game under .500. I mean, bloody hell, look at the Chicago Cubs fans (yes, I know I'm comparing this to baseball, but bear with me here). The Cubs teams have stunk like a stink bomb in a sulfur plant with rotten eggs nearby. Watching their teams has been as agonizing as hearing Roseanne sing "The Star Spangled Banner." I don't know about you, but it doesn't get much worse than that.

Now this brings me to the Montreal Expos fans, all five of them. Every year the team has been horrible, and the fans have been just as bad. This year it looked like the Expos actually had a chance. Of course this changed nothing with the fans.

Soccer is the most popular sport in the world, but here it seems like an afterthought. In other countries it might be considered a religion. So as I leave you, I ask you to come out and support your Lions soccer team, and for that matter, your Lady Lions soccer team as well. I know I'll be out there (probably because I have to since that's what I report). So come out and keep me company, because it gets really lonely.

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Volleyball

Oct. 11

MSSC	21 25 27
MWSC	30 30 30

Oct. 12

MSSC	30 30 30
NWMSU	18 25 21

Oct. 16

MSSC	23 29 30 28
Drury	30 31 23 30

Women's Soccer

Oct. 10
Home

	1	2	Tot
MSSC	0	1	— 1
Rockhurst	3	0	— 3

Shots: 1, RU, Smith, 17:31. 2, RU, Smith, 34:44. 3, RU, Henley, 43:58. 4, MSSC, Johnson, 71:10.

Oct. 15
At SBU

	1	2	Tot
MSSC	1	2	— 3
SBU	2	0	— 2

Shots: 1, SBU, Brueggemann, 7:50. 2, MSSC, Givens, 25:33. 3, SBU, Toll, 44:59. 4, MSSC, Munnelly, 46:44. 5, MSSC, Griffin, 56:13.

Soccer

Oct. 13
At Quincy, Ill.

	1	2	Tot
MSSC	2	0	— 2
QU	2	1	— 3

Shots: 1, QU, Frederickson, 6:33. 2, MSSC, Zalewski, 18:23. 3, MSSC, Zalewski, 21:59. 4, QU, Vaninger, 36:22. 5, QU, Frederickson, 56:10.

Cross Country

Oct. 11
(ss) At Walt Disney World

1. **MSSC**	31
2. U Central Fla.	122
3. U Western Fla.	164
4. Florida Southern	165
5. Lynchburg College	167

(ss) At Oral Roberts

1. ORU	33
2. PSU	58
3. **MSSC**	60
4. Allen County CC	70
5. Neosho County CC	128

Women's Cross Country

Oct. 12
At Edwardsville, Ill.

1. WU-P	61
2. CMSU	84
3. SIU-E	112
4. Augustana	138
5. **MSSC**	144

Football

Oct. 12
At Maryville

	1	2	3	4	Tot
MSSC	3	0	0	0	3
NWMSU	14	17	9	7	47

First Quarter

NWMSU — Rector 28 pass from McMenamin (Ibarra kick blocked), 14:12. MSSC — Minard 32 field goal, 9:12. NWMSU — Rector 3 pass from McMenamin (Stewart pass), 2:00.

Second Quarter

NWMSU — Rector 87 punt return (Ibarra kick), 14:14. NWMSU — McMenamin 1 run (Ibarra kick), 7:10. NWMSU — Ibarra 54 field goal, 00:59.

Third Quarter

NWMSU — Herring 4 run (Ibarra kick), 5:55. NWMSU — Helms safety, 4:15.

Fourth Quarter

NWMSU — Rector 4 run (Ibarra kick), 14:53.

Upcoming Southern Athletic Events

Football
Oct. 19
at Hughes Stadium
6:00 p.m.
MSSC (4-2, 2-2 MIAA)
vs.
TSU (4-2, 2-2 MIAA)

Men's Soccer
Oct. 22 Home
MSSC vs. John Brown

Women's Soccer
Oct. 23
MSSC vs. NWMSU

Volleyball
Oct. 19
MSSC vs. CMSU

Going for the Gold

Ashley Caffey, practices for the 5-kilometer run. Although diagnosed with anemia, she continues to lead the Lady Lions Cross Country team.

Andy Tevis/The Chart

Runner overcomes health issues

BY TRACY HAMILTON
Staff Writer

Waking up every morning for early practice, eating a little breakfast, going to class, eating some lunch, followed by another two hour practice, supper and finishing homework is a typical day for women's cross-country runner Ashley Caffey.

Most athletes have strenuous workouts, with multiple practices each day, but somehow manage to attend class. Many, however, have trouble with remaining positive through his or her busy schedule. Ashley Caffey is in a different category. She is the type of person to work hard in practices, attend class everyday, all with an encouraging attitude and a smile on her face.

"She is a very important part of the team and is constantly cheering us on," said teammate Emily Cassin, junior dental hygiene major. "On the last interval (in practice), she is always pushing us to finish hard."

She is currently taking 17 hours and is planning on declaring her major in mass communications, possibly with an emphasis in broadcasting.

She is an athlete, but follows the guidance of her parents that there is "life after sports." She attends class everyday, whether or not she feels tired, stressed or that there are other important things to do.

Ashley Caffey chooses to make school a priority rather than coming to Missouri Southern for athletics.

"I think it's important to do well in sports, but most of all, I want to get a good education," Caffey said.

The women's cross country team not only values her as a teammate, but also as a friend.

"She is a lot of fun to be around and very easy-going," said teammate Rachel Patterson, junior special education major.

"She is just a very cool person," she said.

On the team, she is a huge asset as well.

"She is a very supportive person. She never lets you give up, and in running that is extremely important because it would be so easy to quit," said Jen Noelken, junior English major.

Quitting would have been easy for Caffey to do last year. She faced some medical problems and was diagnosed with anemia during her season. Fortunately, she was able to overcome and persevere by staying with the team. Instead of giving into her condition, she chose to work hard this summer.

"She is a very tenacious girl and has come out really hard," said Patty Vavra, head coach.

"She has what it takes to go to a new level," she said.

Caffey hopes to do well at conference with her team and make a good showing at the regional meet coming up later in the season.

'A' team claws way toward Micky Mouse trophy

BY TRACY HAMILTON
Staff Writer

The men's cross country team split into two teams this weekend finishing with a first and third place title at each competition.

Team "A" went to the Disney World Classic, taking eight runners and finishing first out of 27 Division I, II and NAIA teams. Not only did they run away with the first place trophy, the team set a record for lowest possible score ever with 31 points total. The team's reward trip paid off because of the nationwide recognition they received. Finishing behind Missouri Southern were teams such as Division I University of Central Florida, University of Western Florida and Florida Southern.

Bryan Lyons paced the Lions with a first place time of 25:10. Other top finishers include Petri Kykyri with a time of 25:11, Magnus Holmstrom 25:23, Paul Koehler 26:00 and Craig Rhoads 26:34.

Larry Boswell was sick and could not race as well as he normally does, but Coach Rutledge has faith in the rest of the team to still perform well in every competition.

"I think its great that the other runners stepped up for the team and still raced well," Rutledge said. "When Boswell returns, we should be able to have our 30-second pack time for the conference meet."

Team "B" traveled to Oral Roberts University in Tulsa and finished strong with third place. Michael Sutter led the team with a seventh place time of 27:00, followed by Thomas Quade, Michael Dorsey, Fredrick Amukonyi, Joel Standeford and Jeremiah Still. The team competed against five other teams and trailed the second place Pittsburg State University by 2 points and the first place ORU by 27 points.

Coach Rutledge was extremely pleased with the B team's performance, considering that a majority of the runners compete mainly in 800-meter races. The B team also competed against tougher competition and raced against other A teams.

"All our guys are working well, and I know they have the capability to do well," Rutledge said. "When you can split your teams and still have great meets, it shows you have a great team with lots of depth."

The team continues to train hard and focus on the conference championship Oct. 26, which is going to be held at Southern.

Special To The Chart

The men's Cross Country "A" team traveled to the Walt Disney World Classic in Orlando, taking first.

The team still plans on winning its third consecutive conference title, advancing to the regional tournament and flying to Cleveland, Ohio for the national meet.

Lady Lions continue preparation for conference title

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The women's cross country team traveled to Edwardsville Oct. 12 and finished fifth out of 24 teams.

Last week's break proved to be beneficial for the team at the Border States Championship in Edwardsville, Ill. The women competed in the standard five-kilometer race and finished well, despite missing three runners – Mary Garrett, Johanna Kanala and Megan Russell. Ashley Caffey led the women once again with a 12th place finish and a time of 19:08. Jen Noelken finished with a time of 19:36. Other notables were Erin Click 19:54, Rachel Patterson 19:56, Emily Cassin 20:19 and Jessica Deatrick 21:26.

Throughout the race, the team stayed together but struggled at the last half-mile to remain packed. The course challenged the team with a couple of tough hills and turns, but the team still proved they wanted to do well.

"It was a tough course, and the last seven meters was our downfall. But hopefully we will be able to come together for the conference meet in a couple of weeks," said Erin Click, freshman biology major.

After the University Missouri-Rolla Invitational, the team set goals for working on the goal of one minute or less pack time, and they are creeping toward their mark. The team wants to focus on conditioning and "practice" performances before conference meets.

The Southern Illinois University Edwardsville-Border States Meet was the last actual meet before conference, helping the team visualize where they are and where they need to be.

"We just want to focus on maintaining our conditioning and leveling off our performances," said Jamie Burnham, assistant coach.

He said having the other three runners would have definitely helped, but the team is focused on having a strong performance at the conference championship, which will be held at Missouri Southern. The team will have tough practices this week and be back in action Oct. 26 for the home conference meet.